



September 9, 2016

Ocotillo District Weekly Update

A Statement from Ocotillo District Councilmember Jamie Aldama About the Recent Election Problems in Maricopa County

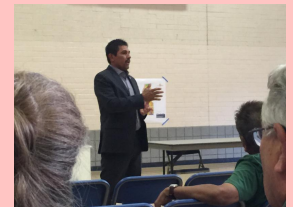
WE MUST DEMAND BETTER OF COUNTY OFFICIALS IN CHARGE OF ELECTIONS

The responsibility to vote and participate in the selection process of our elected leaders is one of the most sacred and important responsibilities we have as citizens. Even more important is the responsibility of government to ensure complete and total legitimacy in the processes of citizens voting, votes being gathered, and votes being counted. I am disappointed to report that once again the government and in particular, the Maricopa County Elections Department has failed to uphold their responsibilities, which has led to the disenfranchisement of some voters in the Ocotillo District and other parts of Glendale.

On the morning of Tuesday, August 30th, I had several constituents contact me to report that they showed up to their designated precinct to vote, however there was no identifiable polling location or anyone there to provide additional information to voters on what to do or where to go. I immediately attempted to contact the authorities to find out what was going on and to get the precinct open for voting. Eventually poll workers showed-up after the polls should have opened. I had several citizens complain that they were unable to vote that day because the only time they had available to vote was in the early morning before work and other obligations. With the polling location not opened at that time, these caring and committed citizens lost their voice in the process.

Secondly, as was reported in the media, a precinct in Glendale closed its polling location after voting hours ended and workers left for the night, failing to turn in the votes that had been cast that day along with a memory device containing the numerical vote count. The ballots sat overnight in a school unwatched, unaccounted for and out of the custody of Maricopa County officials. This chain of events only adds to the lack of trust in our election system. It is even more unfortunate that these continual errors occur in areas of the city which are already identified as low income and underserved.

The City of Glendale has budgeted nearly \$128,000 for the cost of elections in FY2016-2017. We contract with Maricopa County to run our municipal elections, similar to every other jurisdiction in the valley. We pay them to conduct the election on our behalf with full preparation and professionalism. There was a there was a failure to communicate, a failure to plan, prepare and train and there was a failure to ensure citizens that their vote would be allowed, gathered appropriately and counted. The integrity of the election process was violated and the opportunity for some citizens to cast a vote was prevented by the actions of



September Mobile Office Hours Canceled

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, there will be no Ocotillo District Mobile Office Hours in the month of September. The October meeting is in the process of being scheduled. An announcement on the time, date, and location will be made soon.

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violated and the opportunity for some citizens to cast a vote was prevented by the actions of the Maricopa County Elections Department. I feel the lack of customer service from the Maricopa County Elections Department is unacceptable and the lack of communication to the City of Glendale when these discrepancies occurred should not be tolerated.

For all of the candidates who work extremely hard during their campaigns we must demand better. I have asked our City Clerk's office, which contracts with Maricopa County to run our elections, to investigate what occurred and to report back to me and the public on why it happened and what is being done to make sure that those who could not vote have the opportunity to do so. We have to make sure there are safe guards in place to ensure these mistakes never happen again. We must also hold County election officials responsible just as we would any other contractor the city hires and pays with taxpayer funds. I am committing to the residents of the Ocotillo District and the entire City of Glendale that I will be working to make sure your voice in the elections process is heard. If you were unable to vote in this last election and would like to report it, please contact my office at 623-930-2249 or jaldama@glendaleaz.com.

Councilmember Jamie Aldama

Ocotillo District, Glendale Arizona

GET THAT WARM AND FUZZY FEELING AT TEDDY BEAR DAY IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN GLENDALE ON SEPTEMBER 10



Nothing is more warm and fuzzy than a teddy bear. Get that warm and fuzzy feeling all day long in Historic Downtown Glendale and Catlin Court on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. as we celebrate National Teddy Bear Day.

Have fun with friends, family and your favorite furry bears as you enjoy a fun-filled day of make-and-take arts and crafts and exclusive deals. Begin at the Glendale Visitor Center and pick up a map and bear themed grab bag (for the first 200 visitors) and visit with Al the Bear. This loveable, huggable bear will delight the young and young-at-heart from 10 a.m. to noon! Be sure to bring a camera to get a picture with this beary special guest! Additionally, the Visitor Center will be selling teddy bears (along with other locations listed

below) to benefit the Glendale Fire Department Trauma Teddy Program, which is designed to comfort children in times of trauma and crisis.

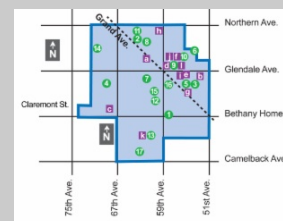
Hop on Ollie the Trolley to travel throughout the downtown area, visiting boutique stores, specialty shops, and downtown eateries for special offers and discounts. The activities and specials at businesses include:

- Astrology Store - 20% off angels; \$15 massage; \$5 readings
- Cerreta Candy Company - Decorate a Chocolate Teddy for \$1
- Glass Creations - raffle; Trauma Teddy Program Bear Display
- Bitzee Mama's - special menu item of the day is strawberry waffles
- Hop Stop Diner - Bear Claw and Coffee Special; \$1 off 'berry' smoothies
- Velma Teague Library - storytime and free make-and-take craft at 1 p.m.
- AZ Doll & Toy Museum - Girl Scout Troop will host a make-and-take craft (nominal fee)
- The Spicery in Our 1895 Home - special menu item of the day is Teddy Bear Cake
- Shelley's Specialty Desserts - decorate a teddy bear cookie for \$2
- Bears & More - AZ Search Dogs will be on-site; 4 Cousins Lemonade Stand and Bake Sale; Raffles; Bear Display and Sales for Trauma Teddy Program
- Brelby Theatre - teddy bear puppet show (times TBA)
- Spinning Wheel Antiques - a photo opportunity with Goldilocks and the Three Bears
- Glendale Flowers - raffle of a beary fresh arrangement; Bear Display for Trauma Teddy Program
- Country Maiden - Bear Sales for Trauma Teddy Program

[MVD Kiosk at Glendale City Court](#)

[Glendale Invites You to Attend the Urband Land Institute AzTAP PAnel Day](#)

Ocotillo District Amenities



Safe Haven Program

Are you afraid or don't want to keep your baby?

Do you just want someone to give your baby to, keep it safe, and make sure your baby gets a good home?

You have options. Arizona has the **Safe Haven Law** that identifies places where mothers can safely and anonymously give up their babies without fear of prosecution. We have a Safe Haven crisis

response team available to assist you with questions, options and resources, 24/7. Call 1-866-707-2229.

If your baby is unharmed, is under 72 hours old and you don't intend to reclaim your baby, you have options! Simply bring your baby to the Safe Haven locations:

Any Hospital

- Papa Ed's Ice Cream - storytime; teddy bear cootie catcher make-and-take craft; special menu item
- Delfina's Salon & Day Spa - make-and-take gummy bear bracelet for \$1
- Arizona Coyotes' "Howler" and Paw Patrol - appearing at 1:30 p.m.
- Grand Canyon University mascot "Thunder" will also make an appearance (time TBA)
- Glendale Fire will bring an engine to 2 Share Gifts

Don't miss this beary special day in downtown Glendale! This event is sponsored by the downtown business community and Visit Glendale. For additional information, call the Glendale Visitor Center at 623-930-4500 or log on to www.visitglendale.com.



Tohono O'odham Nation Revenue Sharing

In 2002, Arizona voters passed Proposition 202 which allowed for the continuation of limited Indian gaming on tribal lands in Arizona. Under Prop. 202, Arizona tribes agreed to share a portion of their revenues with the State of Arizona. Of the revenues shared, 12 percent is made available to cities, towns, or counties for a purpose whose benefit is to the general public through either direct distribution to the local governments or in the form of a deposit to the State of Arizona's Commerce and Economic Development

Commission's Local Community Fund.

For its 2016 revenue sharing, the Tohono O'odham Nation has chosen to contribute directly to local governments. In addition, non-profit organizations may work with local governments to qualify for the funding available from the Nation. *Therefore, the Tohono O'odham Nation is seeking Requests for Funding Proposals from Arizona cities, towns, counties, and non-profit organizations.*

These proposals must address one or more of the following priority areas:

- Education
- Health Care
- Public Safety
- Child Advocacy
- Economic Development
- Cultural & Environmental Development and Protection

For information on proposal guidelines and how to deliver a proposal, please contact the Tohono O'odham Executive Office at 520-383-2028.

COUNCIL NEWS

Agenda /
Upcoming Public Council Meetings /
Items of Special Interest

The next Council Meeting will be September 13th at 6pm.

[Upcoming Agenda Items Calendar](#)

FUTURE COUNCIL MEETINGS

September

**Any Ambulance
Any Designated
Adoption Agency
On-duty Fire Stations
Any Designated Church**

You must hand your baby to a person at above locations or may place baby in Safe Haven drawer at designated hospitals. Tell them this is a safe haven baby and you may leave. Your baby will be cared for and a good home will be found for the baby.

[Drop Off Drawer Locations](#) Click here for the locations of hospitals with anonymous drop off drawers.

For more information please go to azsbh2.org/information/.

September

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Council Meeting - September 13, 6pm
Council Workshop - September 20, 1:30pm
Council Meeting - September 27, 6pm

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October

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Council Workshop - October 4, 1:30pm
NO Council Meeting - October 11
Council Workshop - October 18, 1:30pm
Council Meeting - October 25, 6pm

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November

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Council Workshop - November 1, 1:30pm
NO Council Meeting - November 8, 6pm
No Council Workshop - November 15
Council Meeting - November 22, 6pm
NO Council Meeting - November 29

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December

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Council Meeting - December 6, 11am
Council Workshop - December 6, 1:30pm
NO Council Meeting - December 13
Council Meeting - December 20, 11am
Council Workshop - December 20, 1:30pm
NO Council Meeting - December 27

[Council Items of Special Interest](#)

Coming Up



How to Interact Safely with the Police

FREE ADMISSION!



How to Interact Safely with the Police

www.BeSafeTheMovie.com

Autism Society of Greater Phoenix is
partnering with Autism Speaks and the
City of Glendale to present this program.

FREE ADMISSION

Monday, September 19, 2016

6:30 – 8:00 PM

**Glendale Public Library –
Foothills Branch**
19055 N. 57th Avenue, Glendale

BE SAFE -- The Movie shows teens
and adults with disabilities how to interact
with First Responders in everyday
encounters.

BE SAFE – The Movie
demonstrates crucial safety skills, ranging
from following instructions to the right to
remain silent. In each scene, real police
interact with special needs individuals, giving
BE SAFE true authenticity.

BE SAFE – The Movie is great for
teens and adults with disabilities and
EVERYONE else for that matter! Learn
what to do and say when meeting the police
to help prevent problems and improve
outcomes in police encounters.



AUTISM SOCIETY
Improving the Lives of All Affected by Autism

AUTISM SPEAKS
WALK

Plans Underway for Fourth Annual Stand Up for Veterans Sept. 24, 2016, at Glendale Community College

Glendale's fourth annual "Stand Up for Veterans" will be held at Glendale Community College, 6000 W. Olive Ave., on Sat., Sept. 24, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nearly 1,000 veterans have attended the community outreach event in its three-year history to utilize the many resources available.



A local committee representing city, state and federal agencies, local businesses and non-profit partners has begun planning Glendale's Stand Up for Veterans which will provide opportunities for veterans to gain employment on the spot and access to a wide array of services. Organizers are now accepting business, non-profit and government agency vendor applications.

As many as 50 employers who are presently hiring will have representatives and interviewers at the event and many will hire veterans that very day. Advisors will also offer professional resume-building suggestions and other job search assistance.

"The whole purpose is to provide our veterans with a hand *up*, not a handout," said Glendale Mayor Jerry P. Weiers, who initiated the Glendale Stand Up for Veterans event three years ago. "They can potentially walk into the event without a job and bogged down with legal issues, and they can walk out of the event gainfully employed with essentially a clean slate. That truly can change someone's life for the better."

Veterans will learn what higher educational opportunities are available through Glendale Community College, which offers a Veteran Services Center ranked eighth nationwide for Veteran-friendly two-year colleges.

"Glendale Community College, one of the top nationally ranked veteran-friendly schools, is proud to be part of such an important event to support our veterans," said Dr. Teresa Leyba Ruiz, Interim GCC President. "It's not just about veterans, it's about their families too-all of those who have made sacrifices-and GCC is happy to be part of it."

One critical service on hand that day is access to court and legal services. Glendale City Court Presiding Judge Elizabeth Finn will be representing dozens of Arizona municipal courts where veterans with criminal cases may be able to satisfy outstanding court fines and fees by performing a community service work project. Veterans with active arrest warrants on criminal misdemeanors will have those warrants exonerated.

Judges from many additional Justice Courts in Maricopa County will also be present to offer similar opportunities to reduce or eliminate court fines through community service. Glendale's Community Services Department will provide transportation from Glendale Community College to historic Sahuaro Ranch Park, where the community beautification work service project will be offered.

Additional free legal services will include consultation with members of the State Bar of Arizona on all civil matters and with attorneys from the Maricopa County Public Defender's Office on felony matters. The City of Glendale Prosecutors Office will also be on hand. The Arizona Motor Vehicle Division will be present to advise veterans of requirements for reinstatement of their driving privileges and other MVD business.

"One of my most rewarding experiences is having someone come to the event with a suspended license which prevents them securing appropriate employment," said The Honorable Elizabeth Finn, Presiding Judge of Glendale City Court. "They complete community restitution benefiting the City of Glendale and leave with a valid license. This allows them to better provide for themselves and their families. We take pride in being able to provide all these services at Stand Up for Veterans," Judge Finn said.

Sandy Coor Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1433 in Glendale serves as the non-profit administrator of the event, working in partnership with the committee.

"The event is consistent with the VFW national mantra, 'No One Does More for Veterans,'" said Ed Besta, immediate past Commander of Post 1433 and chairman of Glendale's Stand Up for Veterans. "Our post has been an active supporter of veterans in the Glendale community since it was first chartered more than 90 years ago," Besta said.

Veterans can apply for health-care and other benefits through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and social service agencies and non-profits will assist with family and

Veterans Affairs and social service agencies and non-profits will assist with family and personal matters. Although offering social assistance, Mayor Weiers emphasizes that this event differs from "Stand Down" events which provide needed supplies and services specifically to homeless veterans through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

"These are people who have served our country, and they deserve an opportunity to be given a second chance with the tools to succeed, so our goal is to reach them before they hit rock bottom," said Mayor Weiers. "If they attend our Stand Up event, hopefully they'll never need the services of a Stand Down event."

The Military & Veteran Affairs Committee of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce is actively promoting the event. Local businesses have committed in-kind and cash support for Glendale's Stand Up For Veterans. Republic Services provides complimentary lunch to all veterans in attendance. Additional business supporters have included Rolfs Salon and Credit Union West.

For more information or to become a vendor go to www.GlendaleStandUp.org.

HOA ACADEMY PROVIDES FREE TRAINING & HELPS PROTECT NEIGHBORHOODS



The city of Glendale is continuing to partner with Mulcahy Law Firm for another informative HOA Academy this fall. This unique opportunity provides Glendale residents and HOA community leaders a chance to learn about relevant issues they are facing in their neighborhoods and get answers from specialists in the field.

Helping build a knowledge base and pool of willing residents is the motivation behind this free HOA training series, which takes place Tuesdays in October from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St.

Class Dates & Topics:

- Oct. 4th - Federal Laws Pertaining to Community Associations
- Oct. 11th - Code Enforcement & Collections
- Oct. 18th - Amending CC&Rs
- Oct. 25th - Safety, Crime and Working with the Police

Registration is open now. Early registration is encouraged as only a limited number of seats are available. To register, please contact Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Services at 623-930-2820 or sign up online and use code # 474099-05.

To date, more than 800 people have taken the training to gain the tools needed to more effectively manage and lead their HOA. This training will be taught by HOA attorneys from the Mulcahy Law Firm, P.C. along with the Glendale Police Crime Prevention Department. The classes are free to Glendale residents and \$20 for non-residents.

The City's Boards and Commissions assist the City Council in making important policy decisions that impact our community. These citizen advisory groups research, study, and discuss specific issues. You can find the full list of all 17 commissions and apply online at: www.GlendaleAZ.com/boardsandcommissions or you can call (623) 930-2878 and I will be happy to send you a brochure in the mail.





Join your neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns and hear about crime trends in your neighborhood. For more information, contact your Community Action Team: Officer Andy Lynes, 623-930-2554, Crime Prevention Specialist Angela Botz, 623-930-2571.

Parson's - 9:00a.m. - 10:30a.m. - 5921 W. Northern - December 7.

Waterline Project Information



Olive Avenue/59th Avenue Waterline Improvements

Crews have completed installation of waterline in the 59th Avenue/Olive Avenue intersection and are currently working to tie-in the newly installed waterline into the existing waterline and complete service connections in the area.

These tie overs are currently taking place primarily during nighttime hours to minimize the impact to businesses impacted by water service disruptions. Those impacted have already been notified of scheduled disruptions as part of this activity.

Currently scheduled to take place Wednesday (Sep 14) paving crews will pave back the areas where the remaining work is taking place.

Following paving, crews will complete any necessary adjustments to valves in the roadway.

Scheduled to take place during nighttime hours the following Monday and Tuesday (Sep 19-20),

Following this work, scheduled to begin in late September for approximately two weeks, crews will move to the intersection of 59th Avenue/Peoria Avenue to complete repairs to the waterline in this area.

Olive Avenue and 59th Avenue remain open for travel during this work; however, traffic is shifted away from the work zone and more than likely restricted to one lane in the direction work is taking place.

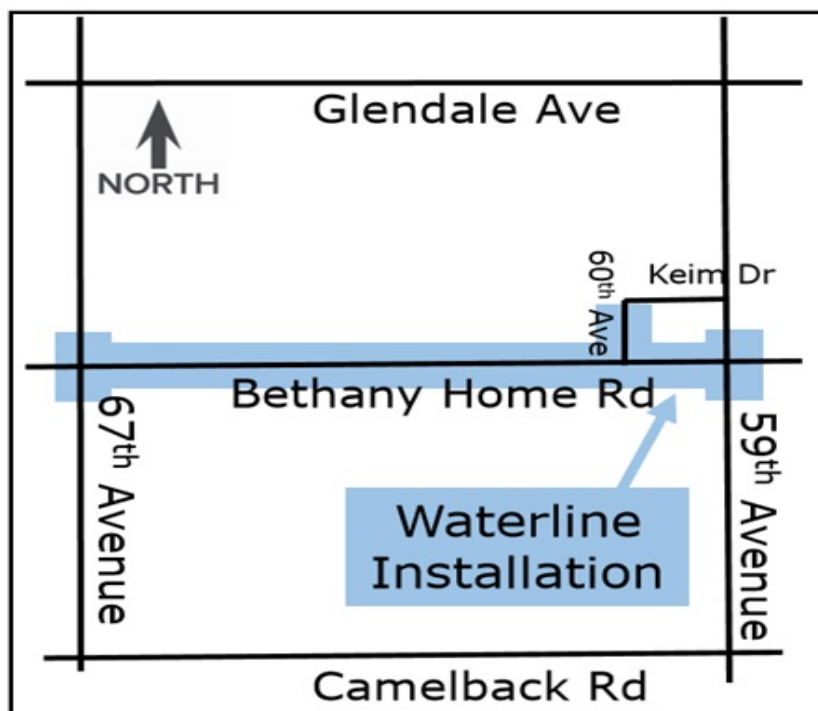
Based on the work activity, it is expected that some or all left turns may not be permitted at the intersection or near the work zone to protect travelers and construction crews. To assist in managing traffic at the intersection, a law enforcement officer is on-site from approximately 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays; however, traffic control remains in place even during non-work hours to protect the work

area and for the safety of travelers.

You will be notified 48 hours in advance of any planned disruption to your water service. Business and resident access will be maintained. This work in the 59th Avenue/Olive Avenue intersection is currently scheduled to be complete in late September.

Thank you for your continued patience during this work!

Please feel free to contact our [project hotline at 602.532.6250](tel:602.532.6250) should you have questions or need information related to the project.



Bethany Home Road, 59th Avenue to 67th Avenue, Waterline Improvements

Crews are nearing completion with waterline line installation in the intersection of 59th Avenue and Bethany Home Road and are scheduled to pave the area where this work is currently taking place on Wednesday (Sep 14).

Following this work, currently scheduled to begin mid next week, crews will begin waterline installation in the eastbound lanes (south side) of Bethany Home Road working in a westerly direction along Bethany Home Road toward 67th Avenue. Waterline installation and connections will also take place along 60th and 67th avenues just north and/or south of the Bethany Home Road intersection.

During this construction activity, roads will remain open for travel; however, traffic will be shifted away from the work zone and may be reduced to one lane in some areas. Based on work activity, left turns may be temporarily restricted in and around the work zone and at major intersections. Please be alert to law enforcement officers directing traffic at major intersections during work hours. All traffic control will remain in place during non-work hours to protect the work area and for the safety of travelers.

You will be notified 48 hours in advance of any planned disruption to your water service. Business and resident access will be maintained. This work in Bethany Home Road, 59th Avenue - 67th Avenue is currently scheduled to be complete in early December. Thank you for your continued patience during this work!

Please feel free to contact our [project hotline at 602.532.6250](tel:602.532.6250) should you have questions or need information related to the project.

ADDITIONAL CITY INFORMATION!

Want to Report a Code Violation?

Please use this link to report a code violation. The Code Compliance Department will then

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<http://www.glendaleaz.com/codecompliance/multiple-complaint-form.cfm>

To find out information about street construction / traffic restrictions, or the pavement management program please click on the link below

<http://www.glendaleaz.com/improvements/>



Bulk Trash Collection

Please click on the link below to view the bulk trash pick-up schedule. As a reminder, residents are asked to place bulk trash out no earlier than 6 a.m. on the Thursday before your scheduled service week and no later than 6 a.m. on the Monday of your scheduled service week. It is a violation of city ordinance to put bulk trash out before or after the assigned period. Failure to comply may result in enforcement action, including charges to the resident.

<http://www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation/documents/2016BTSchedThurs.pdf>

To find out who your Community Action Team with the Glendale Police Department is click here:

https://www.glendaleaz.com/police/documents/CATTEAM_MAP_032315.pdf

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